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# S. 1217

To provide for the acquisition, construction, and improvement of child care facilities or equipment, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Child Care Facilities  
5       Financing Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.**

7       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (B) providing technical or financial assist-  
12 ance to child care providers; and

13 (C) securing private sources for capital fi-  
14 nancing of child care or other low-income com-  
15 munity development.

18 (A) any existing or new center-based or  
19 home-based child care provider that provides  
20 services to eligible children under a program  
21 carried out under the Child Care and Develop-  
22 ment Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858  
23 et seq.), or another program serving low-income  
24 children as determined by the Secretary; and

6 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
7 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

8 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may award  
9 grants on a competitive basis in accordance with this sec-  
10 tion to eligible intermediaries to assist the intermediaries  
11 in carrying out the activities described in subsection (e).

12 (c) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
13 under this section an eligible intermediary shall submit to  
14 the Secretary an application, in such form and containing  
15 such information as the Secretary may require.

16 (d) PRIORITY.—

21 (A) low-income areas, such as—

22 (i) a community that—

23 (I) is in a metropolitan area; and  
24 (II) has a median household in-  
25 come that is not more than 80 percent

1 of the median household income of the  
2 metropolitan area; or  
3 (ii) a community that—  
4 (I) is not in a metropolitan area;  
5 and  
6 (II) has a median income that is  
7 not more than 80 percent of the me-  
8 dian household income of the State in  
9 which the community is located; or  
10 (B) low-income individuals, such as an in-  
11 dividual who is an eligible child, as defined in  
12 section 658P of the Child Care and Develop-  
13 ment Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.  
14 9858m).

19 (e) USE OF FUNDS.—

24 (2) PAYMENTS FROM FUND.—Subject to sub-  
25 section (f), from amounts deposited into the revolv-

1       ing fund under paragraph (1), each eligible inter-  
2       mediary shall provide technical and financial assist-  
3       ance (in the form of loans, grants, investments,  
4       guarantees, interest subsidies, and other appropriate  
5       forms of assistance) to eligible recipients to pay for  
6       the Federal share of the cost of the acquisition, con-  
7       struction, or improvement of child care facilities or  
8       equipment, or for the improvement of related man-  
9       agement and business practices, for each such recipi-  
10      ent. The amounts may be used solely for the purpose  
11      of providing technical or financial assistance.

19 (f) FEDERAL SHARE.—

23 (2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal  
24 share of the cost may be provided in cash or in kind,

1       fairly evaluated, including plant, equipment, or serv-  
2       ices.

3       (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
4       authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
5       \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2006.

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